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To amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical entrepreneurship development program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Vocational and Tech-
5 nical Entrepreneurship Development Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENTREPRENEUR-**
2 **SHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Small Business Act (15
4 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating section 37 as section 38;
6 and

7 (2) by inserting after section 36 the following
8 new section:

9 **“SEC. 37. VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ENTREPRENEUR-**
10 **SHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following
12 definitions apply:

13 “(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Adminis-
14 trator’ means the Administrator of the Small Busi-
15 ness Administration.

16 “(2) ASSOCIATION.—The term ‘Association’
17 means the association of small business development
18 centers recognized under section 21(a)(3)(A).

19 “(3) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ means
20 the program established under subsection (b).

21 “(4) SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CEN-
22 TER.—The term ‘small business development center’
23 means a small business development center described
24 in section 21.

25 “(5) STATE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
26 CENTER.—The term ‘State small business develop-

1 ment center’ means a small business development
2 center from each State selected by the Adminis-
3 trator, in consultation with the Association and giv-
4 ing substantial weight to the Association’s rec-
5 ommendations, to carry out the program on a state-
6 wide basis in such State.

7 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—In accordance with this sec-
8 tion, the Administrator shall establish a program under
9 which the Administrator shall make grants to State small
10 business development centers to enable such centers to
11 provide, on a statewide basis, technical assistance to sec-
12 ondary schools, or to postsecondary vocational or technical
13 schools, for the development and implementation of cur-
14 ricula designed to promote vocational and technical entre-
15 preneurship.

16 “(c) GRANT AMOUNT.—

17 “(1) MINIMUM GRANT.—Each grant awarded
18 by the Administrator under the program shall be in
19 an amount not less than \$200,000.

20 “(2) NO MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—The Ad-
21 ministrator shall not require, as a condition of re-
22 ceiving a grant under this section, that the applicant
23 provide a matching amount, either in cash or in-kind
24 contributions.

1 “(d) APPLICATION.—Each State small business de-
2 velopment center seeking a grant under the program shall
3 submit to the Administrator an application in such form
4 as the Administrator may require. The application shall
5 include information regarding the applicant’s goals and
6 objectives for the educational programs to be assisted.

7 “(e) REPORT TO ADMINISTRATOR.—As a condition of
8 each grant awarded under the program, the Administrator
9 shall require the recipient to transmit to the Adminis-
10 trator, not later than 18 months after the date of receipt
11 of the grant, a report describing how the grant funds were
12 used.

13 “(f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND CON-
14 TRACTS.—The Administrator may enter into a cooperative
15 agreement or contract with any State small business devel-
16 opment center receiving a grant under this section to pro-
17 vide additional assistance that furthers the purposes of
18 this section.

19 “(g) EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.—Not later than
20 March 31, 2008, the Administrator shall transmit to Con-
21 gress a report containing an evaluation of the program.

22 “(h) CLEARINGHOUSE.—The Association shall act as
23 a clearinghouse of information and expertise regarding vo-
24 cational and technical entrepreneurship education pro-
25 grams. In each fiscal year in which grants are made under

1 the program, the Administrator shall provide additional
2 assistance to the Association to carry out the functions
3 described in this subsection.

4 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
5 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
6 \$7,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006, 2007, and 2008.
7 Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.

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